



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Meeting

February 24, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council Members Present:

Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Edwina Garcia, Michael Howard; Tom Fitzhenry; and Pat Elliott.

Staff Present:

Steven L. Devich, City Manager; Mike Eastling, Public Works Director; Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director; Kristin Asher, Assistant Public Works Director; Karen Barton, Assistant Community Development Director; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager/HR Manager; Jeff Pearson, Transportation Engineer; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; and Cheryl Krumholz, Executive Coordinator.

OPEN FORUM

Sean Hayford Oleary, 7229 Second Avenue, spoke in support of the proposed roundabouts on 66th Street at Lyndale Avenue, Nicollet Avenue and I-35W.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Goettel led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Fitzhenry, S/Garcia to approve the minutes of the (1) Special City Council Worksession of February 10, 2015; and (2) Regular City Council Meeting of February 10, 2015.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #1	COUNCIL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hats Off to Hometown Hits
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Council Member Fitzhenry discussed the Richfield HAM Radio Club.

Council Member Fitzhenry discussed Century Link PRISM TV as becoming another cable television provider option in Richfield.

Council Member Howard discussed the State graduation rate and that Richfield made significant improvement in the rating.

Mayor Goettel reported on today's press conference regarding the transportation bill.

Council Member Garcia announced the Mayor's State of the City Address is February 25, 2015.

Council Member Garcia announced the March 14 Mental Health Forum for Youth.

Item #2	COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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Mayor Goettel requested the agenda be amended to move Item 8 before Item 7.

M/Goettel, S/Fitzhenry to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #3	CONSENT CALENDAR
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- A. Consideration of the approval of a resolution regarding the City of Richfield's participation in Hennepin County's 2015-2017 economic development initiative Open to Business and approving a contact with Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers S.R. No. 28

RESOLUTION NO. 11050

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF RICHFIELD'S PARTICIPATION IN
HENNEPIN COUNTY'S 2015-2017 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE "OPEN
TO BUSINESS"

This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11050.

- B. Consideration of the approval of the bid minutes/tabulation and award of contract to Hardrives, Inc. for the 2015 mill and overlay project in the amount of \$2,295,610.15
S.R. No. 29

M/Goettel, S/Elliott to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #4	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR
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None.

Item #5	PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION FOR 2015 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY AND ANY REQUIRED THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS S.R. NO. 30
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Council Member Garcia presented Staff Report No. 30.

Deb Taylor, Senior Community Services, discussed the services provided by the HOME program.

M/Goettel, S/Fitzhenry to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 5-0.

M/Garcia, S/Goettel that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 11051

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED USE 2015 URBAN HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY AND ANY REQUIRED THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11051.

Item #6	CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 49 FOR CONTRACT PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT S.R. NO. 31
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 31.

M/Goettel, S/Fitzhenry that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 11052

RESOLUTION APPROVING LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RICHFIELD AND INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 49 BARGAINING UNIT FOR YEARS 2015 and 2016

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11052

Item #8	CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMISSIONS S.R. NO. 33
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M/Howard, S/Fitzhenry to appoint the following persons to the City advisory commissions:

ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Maria Regan Gonzalez	January 31, 2018

ARTS COMMISSION

Anthony Bradford	January 31, 2018
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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Sarallyn Gumke

January 31, 2018

FRIENDSHIP CITY COMMISSION

Marty Kirsch

January 31, 2018

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #7	CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS APPROVING ROUNDABOUTS AS THE PREFERRED DESIGN FOR MAJOR INTERSECTIONS (I-35W INTERCHANGE, LYNDALE AVENUE, NICOLLET AVENUE) ALONG 66TH STREET INCLUDING PEDESTRIAN ACTIVATED WARNING DEVICES AT CROSSWALKS S.R. NO. 32
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 32.

Transportation Engineer Pearson reviewed the stakeholder engagement process, impacts and concerns, advantages, guiding principles vision and the Roundabout Corridor.

Mayor Goettel stated that each intersection would be considered separately and that there would be a roll call vote on each.

M/Goettel, S/Howard that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ROUNDABOUT AS THE PREFERRED DESIGN ALTERNATIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF 66TH STREET (CSAH 53) AND I-35W INTERCHANGE RAMPS**

Council Member Elliott stated that he was most troubled with this roundabout and did not support the resolution because it is a disservice to Emerson Avenue residents because easy flow of traffic fails with the need for a U-turn to travel west on 66th Street. He added that he is unwilling to sacrifice another 12-15 homes to benefit the larger community.

Council Member Howard stated he also was most troubled with this roundabout because it does not offer the same benefits as the one proposed at Lyndale and Nicollet Avenues. He said he was inclined to support a 4-light intersection because the roundabout would have the biggest local impact and create a public safety issue with the U-turn on 66th Street.

Mayor Goettel expressed concerns regarding the U-turn, design criteria unknowns and bus transit issues. She said she did not have enough confidence that a roundabout was the right solution for this intersection.

Council Member Fitzhenry stated he was inclined to support the resolution because he was confident the roundabout would be safer for pedestrians and bicyclists and slow traffic.

Council Member Garcia stated she hoped the 35W interchange roundabout would advance as a package for the reconstruction of 66th Street so there would be consistency. She said the commissions unanimously supported the Roundabout Corridor. She questioned the funding if the roundabout at this intersection was not approved.

Transportation Engineer Pearson explained that the type of intersection does not jeopardize the funding, only the time line, so a decision is needed. He added that if the roundabouts are not approved, the default is to a signalized intersection.

A roll call vote was taken.

Motion failed 2-3. (Goettel, Elliott and Howard oppose)

M/Goettel, S/Garcia that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 11054

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ROUNDABOUT AS THE PREFERRED DESIGN ALTERNATIVE AT 66TH STREET (CSAH 53) AND LYNDALE AVENUE INTERSECTION

Council Member Howard stated this roundabout creates an improved intersection that is safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles. He added that positive comments have been received for this roundabout.

Transportation Engineer Pearson explained the pedestrian activated warning devices at crosswalks.

Council Member Elliott stated he had concerns regarding safety but that the visual signs will help alleviate the issues.

Council Member Fitzhenry stated that he is comfortable with this roundabout and that traffic will move smoother and it is the right fit for the area.

Council Member Garcia also said she was comfortable with this roundabout and that business and residents in the area support it.

Mayor Goettel stated she had design criteria concerns with a roundabout in commercial areas but that it appeared a 'no' vote would not gain much.

A roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11054.

M/Goettel, S/Elliott that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 11053

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ROUNDABOUT AS THE PREFERRED DESIGN ALTERNATIVE AT 66TH STREET (CSAH 53) AND NICOLLET AVENUE (CSAH 52) INTERSECTION

Council Member Howard stated that a roundabout will benefit this area.

A roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11053.

Item #9	CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
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City Manager Devich stated that the process regarding the reconstruction to 66th Street, including discussion on the roundabouts, was forward thinking and the results will be very successful.

Item #10	CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS
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M/Fitzhenry, S/Goettel that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank		02/24/15
A/P Checks: 238598-238842	\$	1,064,249.08
Payroll: 107964-108294	\$	550,892.17
TOTAL	\$	1,615,141.25

Motion carried 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council open meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:10 p.m.

Date Approved: March 10, 2015

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Cheryl Krumholz
Executive Coordinator

Steven L. Devich
City Manager